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News Release

CONNECTIONS FOR SUSTAINABILITY ANNOUNCES UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

(Greenville SC) Connections for Sustainability will offer a variety of community events in the coming months through its Livability Studio that are designed to educate the community on livability and create a greater awareness of urban sustainability, with a focus on Greenville's west side.

A speaker series, entitled ***Sustainable Conversations***, will begin on Thursday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hughes Main Library with a presentation by Art Hushen from the National Institute of Crime Prevention. Hushen will discuss how Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) can create safer, more vibrant neighborhoods. The Sustainable Conversations series will feature both local and non-local experts in the field of sustainability, who will discuss a variety of topics, and each presentation will be followed by a group question and answer period to further explore the ideas presented.

A film series, entitled ***Sustainable Cinema***, will be held on the third Monday of every month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kroc Center and will feature a series of short films and video clips on ways to live, work, play and grow more sustainably. Local community members will be invited to speak briefly about initiatives, programs and activities taking place in Greenville that relate to the videos' themes, and open discussion will follow. The first Sustainable Cinema will take place on March 18 and will feature a series of short films on how bicycles and alternative transportation are playing a part in building and revitalizing neighborhoods and cities across the country. Popcorn and soft drinks will be served.

The ***Spring & Green Fair*** will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the West Greenville Community Center. As part of Connections for Sustainability's educational outreach efforts, the event will feature information and demonstrations on a variety of topics related to sustainability, including rain barrels and home energy efficiency, community gardens, healthy eating and active living. The fair will also showcase the efforts of Jaclin Durant, the Connections for

Sustainability Livability Educator, who has been working with after-school and summer camp programs throughout the city to incorporate sustainability education into the classroom. Students from AJ Whittenberg Elementary will be on hand to share information about the school's Green Teams, as well as their participation in Durant's programs.

All of the events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit connections.greenvillesc.gov.

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About Connections for Sustainability

The Connections for Sustainability project, funded by a \$1.8 million planning grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Transportation, focuses on establishing linkages between affordable housing, transportation options, economic development and open space in Greenville's west side.

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